



## Andrea Miranda

### Teacher of the Year

Fort Caroline Middle

Seventh Grade Language Arts

Principal: Jennifer Bridwell

### Education

B.A., Flagler College

### Highlights

- 3 years of teaching experience
- 2010-2011 - Team Leader
- 2010-2011 - Response to Intervention Leadership Team



Andrea Miranda has been a teacher for three years, the majority of that time in middle school. In this short period, Ms. Miranda has distinguished herself as a Team Leader at Ft. Caroline Middle School. Ms. Miranda's teaching philosophy focuses on student engagement and positive interventions. She works with her students to develop their individuality while preparing them to master the skills and gain the knowledge necessary for successful assessment and promotion. Ms. Miranda incorporates several tools that provide a deeper understanding of her students in order to differentiate her instruction and make learning interactive and individual. All of Ms. Miranda's students take a "Student Interest Survey" soon after entering her class. She then takes the time to meet with them individually in an effort to build a relationship and connect curriculum content in a way that will interest and excite them, allowing students to bring their own life experiences to enhance their understanding.

Ms. Miranda appreciates that teaching is a challenge and a responsibility, recognizing that she must know the whole child, reaching their hearts and their minds through compassion, discipline and instruction.

"Ms. Miranda not only possesses a constant upbeat and positive attitude; she also constantly comes to me with ways to promote positivity throughout the Fort Caroline Middle School campus. She recognizes that teaching middle school is a challenge and helps to make sure that negative attitudes don't hamper teaching."

*Jennifer Bridwell  
Principal  
Fort Caroline Middle School*